

REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 19, 27, 28, 33-36, and 41 have been amended and a new claims 42 and 43. In view of these actions and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is requested.

At the outset, the undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner and his Primary Examiner for their assistance at a lengthy personal interview conducted on January 22, 2009. The above amendments were formulated as a result of the discussions at the interview, and are understood to obviate the outstanding formality and prior art rejections, as well as the objection to the abstract. In particular, the prior art fails to teach a guide sleeve which is held by the pump housing and which extends from the pump toward the dispenser head, wherein the guide sleeve guidingly supports said spring on an outside thereof and sealingly guides the pump shaft at a free end area thereof. Support for the new language can be found in paragraph [0037].

While no commitment as to allowability was made by the Examiners, it is understood that further search may be needed since the independent claims present features not contained in any of the claims originally examined. However, in the absence of new and more relevant prior art being discovered, this application should now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is requested; but, in the event that any issues should remain, or any new issues arise, after consideration of this response which could be addressed through discussions with the undersigned, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for the purpose of resolving any such issue and thereby facilitating prompt approval of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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